



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Victoria A. Cuello** (NA00191993) and placed conditions against her registration with which she must comply.

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Carol J. Thamert** (RN00147397, AP30007371) on probation for one year. She was unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. She must comply with established terms and conditions to ensure that she's able to practice safely.

## Clark County

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program ended the probation order against **Amy Lynn Hanson** (HC60077214).

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **James E. McConkey** (PH00056030) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly wrongfully distributed medication and took pharmacy stock medication for his own use. He pleaded guilty to one count of theft.

### **Grant County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Mary Jane Collins** (NC10037960) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into an inappropriate relationship with a patient.

### **King County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order against registered nurse **Patricia M. Berryessa** (RN00090633).

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Suzanne M. Clark** (LP00035592) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Cynthia Roxana Cuellar** (D160193176) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreed order with pharmacist **Jeff Gebenus** (PH00042289) and will monitor his license for two years. He directed pharmacy assistants to extemporaneously compound prescriptions which is outside the scope of practice for a pharmacy assistant. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Fabian Lamont Miller** (CO60250601) and placed conditions against his certification with which he must comply. Terms and conditions were set against his certification to practice as a nursing assistant.

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Patricia Ann Murphy** (CO60143969).

In December 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program ended the probation order against **Elena I. Samuels** (CG60150539).

### **Klickitat County**

In December 2011 the Massage Program ended the probation order against **Christine R. Cruse** (MA60012594).

### **Lewis County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Michelle I. Eskridge** (RN00153974) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to document administration of medication to patient and failed to follow the medication orders for the patient.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of licensed practical nurse **Clarice C. Freeman** (LP00046535) on probation for 60 months. She was convicted of reckless driving, two counts of hit and run unattended vehicle, and failure to remain at injury accident. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2011 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program charged **Heidi Halsey** (LF00001125) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license, failed to get parental consent for a minor patient's parents, failed to respect a court-ordered parenting plan for a patient, failed to keep confidentiality when treating patients, violated boundaries with patients when giving confidential information, and failed to refer a patient to another therapist when ending treatment with the patient.

### **Snohomish County**

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Melody J. Poe** (CO60153654).

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Melissa Retasket** (VB60010626, VA60105412), also known as Melissa Rucker, with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for methamphetamine during a random drug screen.

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Carol Ann Schreck** (RN00110142) on probation for two years. She failed to verify a physician had been notified in a change in condition of a patient contributing to the patient's death. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Spokane County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program amended the final order against registered nursing assistant **Alana Jane Barry** (NA60120658) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She took drugs with a patient on more than one occasion, and failed to respond to a Department of Health investigator inquiry. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In December 2011 the Hypnotherapy Program released **Jayne E. Helle** (HP10000120) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Thurston County**

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy ended the probation order against pharmacist **James H. Bryan** (PH00022134).

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Deborah Kendrick** (NA00193662) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly yelled at a patient using profane language and locked the patient in a bathroom for an extended period of time.

### **Whatcom County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Michael Alan Gregory** (RN00116736, AP30003674) and placed conditions against his license with which he must comply. He entered into a personal and sexual relationship with a patient.

### **Yakima County**

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Melanie Jane Arevalo** (NA60244525) and placed conditions against her registration with which she must comply. She was charged with assault — domestic violence and failed to disclose the charges on her application.

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant applicant **Lettiysha Elena Morales** (VB60253204). Morales was convicted of theft and negligent driving.

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Jason R. Whiley** (VB60076882) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted controlled substances from his place of employment.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In December 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Christine A. Gotelli** (RN00104776) on probation for three years. The California State Board revoked her registered nurse license. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Georgia:** In December 2011 the Nursing Commission lifted the suspension of registered nurse **David B. Waters** (RN60182762) and placed conditions against his license with which he must comply.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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